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Heart of America Council Achieves Centennial Quality Council for 2007

Thanks to your hard work and dedication, 12 of our districts, our Learning for Life division, along with the Heart of America Council achieved Centennial Quality District and Council status for 2007. Achieving the Centennial Quality Award is recognition of excellence in specific areas related to council and district operations but the bottom line is that our youth members are the ones who truly benefit. This past year, we achieved by reaching benchmarks in the areas of advancement, program, community service, training, membership and volunteer leadership growth, unit service, as well as finance.

Achieving this distinction places our council, qualifying districts and the Learning for Life division among the best for 2007. It is no small task, only a relatively small percentage of districts and councils are recognized in any given year. For the majority of our districts and the council this is the second year in a row achieving this status. It is achieved through the cooperative work of dedicated volunteers and professionals on all levels.

To be recognized as Centennial Quality, districts must achieve growth in the number of units qualifying for the Centennial Quality Unit Award. In 2007, more than 70% of our units qualified as Centennial Quality units, a significant improvement over 60% in 2006. Units must qualify each year by meeting requirements in the areas of training, leadership, program, service, advancement and membership growth. Achieving Centennial Quality District status is directly tied to the quality of program offered to our youth members.

Achieving Centennial Quality Council places the Heart of America Council among the top councils in the nation. A job well done, but to achieve this distinction in 2008 will require that we maintain and build on what we have accomplished in 2007.

Along with marking the achievement for 2007, the form for all Centennial Quality Award applications asks for a commitment to achieving that status again for the upcoming year. It is important that as units, districts and council we commit ourselves to offering the highest quality program possible. The young people of our communities demand and deserve it.

Program and Membership Facts
- Over 76.9% of our top leaders are trained.
- Our percentage of trained leaders increased by more than 10%.
- 70.7% of our units qualified for the “Centennial Quality Unit Award.”
- 33,261 youth are members of our traditional programs, an increase of 3.8%.
- Exploring membership grew by 9.9% placing it among the national pacesetters.
- All 13 districts recorded increases in traditional membership.
- More than 4,300 Cub Scouts and family members attended Cub Family Camps last fall.
- 68.7% of our Cub Scouts enjoyed a summer outdoor adventure.
- 76.7% of our Boy Scouts explored summer camp.
- The council received the “Excellence in Risk Management Award.”

Financial Facts
- A balanced operating budget of $8,266,563.
- A record-setting Friends of Scouting campaign of $1,836,947.
- An 11% increase in our popcorn sale. More than $750,000 went directly to local units.
- College scholarships of $71,000 were awarded to camp staff members.
- Our Endowment Fund grew by $1,465,286 qualifying the council for the National Golden Record Recognition.
- Our total Endowment ended the year at $22,400,000.
- The largest golf tournament in council history with gross proceeds of $108,965.
- Our Distinguished Citizens Dinner honored Julia Irene Kauffman and raised $390,405.
- The start of the Sporting Clays Classic which raised $22,443 in its first year.
Christine Salisbury Earns the Silver and Ranger Award

Christine Ann Salisbury, member of Venture Crew 2264, sponsored by Lee’s Summit United Methodist Church has earned her Venturing Silver Award and Ranger Award. Involved in Venturing from age 14 through 21, she is now an Associate Advisor for the Crew.

During her tenure, she went on numerous trips to Ely, Minnesota to the Northern Tier High Adventure Base participating in the OKPIK winter camping program. She enjoyed cross country skiing, snow shoeing, dog sledding and winter camping numerous nights with below zero temperatures. She participated in the summer canoeing program in Ely, MN one year. Christine had a Philmont trek in 2004 with Venture Crew 2264 where she enjoyed the entire experience. She returned in 2005 and 2006 as a Ranger. In 2007 she was a Ranger Trainer and will be on staff as a Ranger Trainer 2 in 2008. Christine is trained as a Wilderness First Responder.

Completely enjoying the outdoors, she fell in love with what the Scouting program offers for young women. She believes that the Scouting program has added value to her life, built leadership skills and confidence in her abilities. Educationally, she is a Senior in a five year Architecture Program at Kansas State University which she will complete in the spring of 2009 with a Masters in Architecture.

Occasions for Articles

Newspapers are always looking for positive, local stories. Some of the stories that you could share about your pack or troop include:

• News about special projects in the community. Examples include placing flags on the graves of veterans on the 4th of July, cleaning up a local park, collecting food for the hungry, etc.
• News about special programs or activities. Cub Scouts tour the bank. Troop hosts membership open house. Troop hosts pancake breakfast to help raise funds for camping, etc.
• News about meetings and accomplishments. Explorers meet every Thursday at local hospital. Troop completes 56-mile hike. Troop recruits 50 blood donors for American Red Cross. Troop marks its 20th anniversary.
• News about special projects in the community. Examples include placing flags on the graves of veterans on the 4th of July, cleaning up a local park, collecting food for the hungry, etc.

These are just a few ideas for possible stories to submit to your local paper. Remember - a picture is worth a thousand words. Always try to submit a photograph with your news or announcements.

Den 3 Goes to City Hall

“Webelos 1 Scouts from Pack 3253 toured the Shawnee City Hall as part of their Citizenship Academic Pin requirements. While there, we met the Mayor of Shawnee, Jeff Meyers. We also learned that the Mayor has a regular full-time job.

The Mayor talked to us about Wards, term limits for mayors and city council people, and new businesses coming to Shawnee. We also talked about taxes and city council meetings.

One Scout’s Dad, who works in city planning, showed us maps of Shawnee and we were able to find where we live. It was fun!”

Story submitted by Den 3, Pack 3253
Shawnee, KS

Public Relations and Your Unit

It is estimated that 90% of all positive public relations stories about the Boy Scouts of America appear in the media thanks to the work of volunteers in our local units. This is great news. Local stories appearing in the local media is one of the most effective ways of promoting the Scouting program.

While people today are more likely to be influenced by a marketing message or public relations story as they make decisions, they are also less likely to remember individual messages or stories. We are bombarded with information. Messages or stories that leave an impression are the ones that are either told very frequently, personal affect the reader or are unique enough to grab your attention.

Collectively, the stories you send to your local papers announcing everything from the new Eagle Scout in your troop too your Cub Scout pack’s Pinewood Derby play an important role in delivering Scouting’s positive message. Sending out press releases, stories, photos of activities and inviting reporters to cover your unit’s activities is very important. Over time you can make a tremendous impact.

A well planned positive public relations program reinforces the position that Scouting is alive and well and working where it counts, in your unit making your community a better place.

Unit PR Kit Available

A good public relations program can help your unit in many ways and involves working with several groups. A good program has a positive impact on membership and helps to identify resources that will help you provide a great program.

An eight-page brochure is now available to help you develop your unit’s public relations plan. It is available for you to download on the Heart of America Council’s website.

You can connect to the Resources and Forms page by going to this address: http://hoac-bsa.org/resources.cfm.
The 2007 Trails End Popcorn Sale has come to a successful conclusion. Our annual popcorn sale makes a difference by providing funding for council facilities and programs as well as support for programs in our local units. We would like to recognize the council’s “Fill-it-Up” Program Prize Winners for this past year’s campaign.

| NT Pack  | 3651  | Brennan S | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 3651  | George H  | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 3651  | Jonas M   | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 3651  | Sean D    | Home Theater          |
| PL Troop | 0065  | Austin K  | Adventure Pack (Outdoor Set) |
| PL Pack  | 3057  | Stephen C | Telescope             |
| PL Pack  | 3064  | Collyn A  | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| PL Pack  | 3462  | Matt P    | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| PL Pack  | 3462  | Sean R    | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| PT Pack  | 4024  | Jack M    | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| PT Pack  | 4030  | Isaac S   | LED Flashlight         |
| PT Pack  | 4030  | Ryan M    | $45 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| RTH Pack | 0122  | Kyle Y    | LED Flashlight         |
| RTH Pack | 0201  | Corey M   | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| RTH Pack | 0201  | Sam P     | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| RTH Pack | 0315  | Ethan G   | LED Headlamp           |
| RTH Pack | 0315  | Tanner D  | R/C Truck              |
| RTH Pack | 0351  | Brian B   | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| RTH Pack | 0351  | Christopher M | LED Flashlight |
| RTH Pack | 3123  | Steven A  | DVD Player             |
| RTH Pack | 3202  | Aidan L   | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| RTH Pack | 3210  | Garrett G | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| RTH Pack | 3210  | Holden R  | R/C Truck              |
| RTH Pack | 3210  | Sam F     | LED Flashlight         |
| RTH Pack | 3218  | Cole W    | R/C Truck              |
| RTH Pack | 3240  | Andrew C  | FRS/2-way Radio(Motorola) |
| RTH Pack | 3240  | Mathew H  | Bicycles               |
| TB Troop | 1032  | Austin B  | $45 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| TB Troop | 1285  | Daniel M  | Digital Camera         |
| TB Troop | 1285  | Thomas B  | LED Flashlight         |
| TB Troop | 1323  | Preston H | LED Headlamp           |
| TB Troop | 1427  | Spencer G | Simons Binoculars      |
| TB Pack  | 4033  | Dameon S  | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| TB Pack  | 4042  | Stephen P | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| TB Pack  | 4098  | Ean C     | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| TB Pack  | 4138  | Seth H    | LED Headlamp           |
| TB Pack  | 4188  | Mason D   | LED Flashlight         |
| TB Pack  | 4220  | Dayton S  | Digital Camera         |
| TB Pack  | 4245  | Michael R | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| TB Pack  | 4300  | Gaige B   | R/C Truck              |
| TB Pack  | 4300  | Joshua D  | R/C Truck              |
| TB Pack  | 4300  | Nathan R  | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| TB Pack  | 4364  | Deacon T  | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BE Pack  | 4865  | Joel F    | R/C Truck              |
| BE Troop | 1175  | Nick T    | Simons Binoculars      |
| BE Troop | 1226  | Aaron P   | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BE Pack  | 4138  | Ben E     | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BE Pack  | 4175  | Mason R   | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BE Pack  | 4175  | Matthew H | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BE Pack  | 4362  | Joshua H  | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BE Pack  | 4865  | Joel F    | R/C Truck              |
| BM Troop | 1414  | Emmet C   | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BM Pack  | 4120  | Hunter H  | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| BM Pack  | 4414  | Hunter H  | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| KW Pack  | 3109  | Andrew D  | DVD Player             |
| KW Pack  | 3109  | Austin J  | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| KW Pack  | 3109  | Caleb G   | LED Flashlight         |
| KW Pack  | 3109  | Kendal B  | Electronic Dart Board  |
| KW Pack  | 3109  | Kyle S    | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| KW Pack  | 3304  | Jacob D   | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| KW Pack  | 3304  | Tyler T   | LED Headlamp           |
| LB Troop | 1225  | Chance H  | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| LB Troop | 1225  | Ricky R   | $45 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| LB Troop | 1225  | Westley R | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| LB Pack  | 1309  | Brett M   | PlayStation 2          |
| LB Troop | 1509  | Jeffrey N | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| LB Pack  | 1509  | William N | R/C Airplane           |
| LB Pack  | 4399  | Jonas F   | PlayStation 2          |
| LB Pack  | 4399  | Noah F    | R/C Airplane           |
| NS Troop | 1320  | DJ F      | $30 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NS Troop | 1408  | Garrett H | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NS Troop | 1408  | Justin H  | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NS Pack  | 4248  | Colby O   | RCA Boombox            |
| NS Pack  | 4248  | Michael S | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NS Pack  | 4249  | Gavin D   | $45 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NS Pack  | 4249  | Jacob N   | R/C Truck              |
| NS Pack  | 4337  | Matthew E | LED Headlamp           |
| NS Pack  | 4444  | Devin M   | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 0351  | Ross P    | RCA Boombox            |
| NT Pack  | 3054  | Jason L   | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 3294  | Carroll L | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 3294  | Tyler W   | Electronic Dart Board  |
| NT Pack  | 3294  | Wil S     | R/C Truck              |
| NT Pack  | 3297  | Cole T    | LED Flashlight         |
| NT Pack  | 3297  | Jacob S   | FRS/2-way Radio        |
| NT Pack  | 3394  | Adam S    | $22 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 3394  | Michael A | $13 Wal-Mart Gift Card |
| NT Pack  | 3493  | Norty H   | R/C Truck              |
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New Boy Scout Advancement Requirements

The National Youth Protection Committee of the Boy Scouts of America recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements. This will keep Scouts informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.

Tenderfoot Rank
Revised requirement 9: Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.

Second Class Rank
New requirement 8b: Explain the three R’s of personal safety and protection.

First Class Rank
New requirement 12: Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.

The changes will be represented in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook.

Wilderness and First Aid Training

Johnson County Med-Act will be offering a Wilderness First Aid course throughout the 2008 year. Topics to be covered will be: patient assessment, heat and cold injuries, bleeding control, transporting the sick and injured in wilderness environments, splinting, basic search and rescue, signaling for help. The trainings will be offered at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation on:
- February 29 – March 2, 2008
- April 4-6, 2008
- September 26-28, 2008
- January 9-11, 2009

Units and Scouters can camp the night before by contacting the Naish Scout Reservation, class goes Saturday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. For more information and to RSVP Contact: Adam Grace, Johnson County Med-Act, (913) 715-1981 or agrace@jocoems.org.

VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship

The VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship program provides a $5,000 award to an outstanding scout who is the recipient of a Boy Scout Eagle Award, a Venture Scouting Silver Award or a Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

Deadlines:
Submit entry to local VFW Post: March 1, 2008
Posts submit local winner to VFW Department: April 1, 2008
Department nominees to VFW National: May 1, 2008

Eligibility Requirements
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship;
- Has received the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award;
- Has demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting and the community;
- Has reached his/her 15th birthday and is enrolled in high school at the time of selection; and
- Has submitted his/her entry by March 1, 2008, to a VFW Post in his/her community.

To find a VFW post in your area visit http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=cmty.leveld&did=4371&tok=1.

Note: All applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A scout only can enter through ONE VFW Post.

To enter, download and complete the VFW Scouting Scholarship form visit http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/scoutscholarshipentryform.pdf and submit to a local VFW post by March 1, 2008.

For more information on the scouting award, please contact Bud Haney, assistant director, VFW Programs, at bhaney@vfw.org or call (816) 756-3390, Ext. 195.

Advancement Facts for 2007 in the Heart of America Council

Top Five Merit Badges Earned
- Swimming 1,296
- Environmental Science 1,273
- Geology 1,157
- Communications 1,156
- Mammal Study 1,096

Total Merit Badges Earned 35,387

Boy Scout/Cub Scout Advancement
- Total Advancement Earned 19,748
- Arrow of Light Earned 1,393
- Eagle Scouts Earned 837
2008 Cub Scout Day Camp - “Spy Cubs”

A complete day camp schedule for the 2008 season will be in April issue of “Adventures in Scouting”. Unit Leaders may contact your district executive for more information regarding your district’s camp, or to volunteer to serve on staff.

Day Camp will cost $45.00 per Scout through April 9, 2008. On April 10, 2008 the fee is $60.00. For any new Cub Scout joining after that day or new Tiger Cubs who finished their kindergarten year in 2008 the cost will be $45.00. Scouts that are added at camp will be charged $65.00.

Bear Resident Camp

There are some openings available for Bear Resident Camp during the 2008 camping season. If you would like to attend as a pack or just one on one with your son you still can. Contact Christi Leewright (816) 569-4928 for the dates that are available. Each participant receives a Bear Camp shirt, mug and patch along with two days of fun at Camp Naish. Cost per participant is $60.

Do you want to go to camp?

Do you have a Scout who cannot attend camp with your troop, yet wants to go to camp? The Order of the Arrow is hosting a provisional Scouting unit at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation June 22 – 28, 2008. Contact Christina Crandall at (816) 569-4930 for information on how to sign-up.

Boy Scout Camp

The 2008 Boy Scout Camp Draws for the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation have been held but it is not to late to still make your troops reservation.

To make your reservation call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4930.

Webelos Resident Camp

There are some openings available for Webelos Resident Camp during the 2008 camping season. If you would like to attend contact Christi Leewright (816) 569-4928 for the latest availability dates.

The 2008 Webelos Camp Sessions are listed on the next page. Any registered Webelos Scout (including third grade graduates) may attend Webelos Camp. Webelos Camp is held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, and is a three-day, two-night experience. Separate activities are planned for first and second year Webelos.

The cost to attend Webelos Camp is $105.00 per Webelos Scout and $105.00 per full-time leader. After May 7, 2008 the cost increases to $120.00 per reservation. This fee covers the cost of all patches for Scouts, program supplies, participation awards, meals, lodging, and insurance. Please note camp T-shirts are NOT included in the Webelos camp fee. You must register to attend camp as a pack, not individually. Additionally, adults attending Webelos Camp (full or part time) must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Camp Payments

The first 2008 Boy Scout Camp payment is due February 20, 2008. This payment should be ½ of your units balance. If you have any questions regarding your units Confirmation and Billing statement please call the Council Service Center at (816) 569-4930.

Remember it is the Scout motto to “Be Prepared”, so don’t wait until the last minute.

EVERY SEASON STARTS AT DICK’S.

Stop by any Dick’s location to receive your Scout Packet with special discounts on everything you need for the Great Outdoors.

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MOS Tribal Council Recommendations Due
Service as a member of Mic-O-Say’s Tribal Council is an important camp leadership responsibility. While this responsibility is not given as a recognition for past service, it is nonetheless reasonable, that an individual’s talents, abilities, dedication to, understanding of the Scouting principles and loyalty to the values and educational experiences of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, be examined to help determine the likelihood of success in this service role.

All Tribal Council Recommendations are due to the Council Service Center by March 1, 2008. Recommendations should only be the official form that can be found on the HOAC website at www.hoac-bsa.org under resources or forms or at the Council Service Center. These forms have also been distributed at the February roundtables. If you have further questions please call the Camping Services Department at (816) 569-4930.

OA Dues
Tamegonit Lodge dues are now past due. You may pay your dues online at www.hoac-bsa.org through the Trading Post or you can print off an application on the Council website to be mailed in. Make sure to include your current membership level when you renew your membership.

OA Unit Elections
Scouts that are members of the National Honor Camping Program, Order of the Arrow, were elected by their fellow Scouts. Are there eligible Scouts in your troop? Have you contacted your Chapter Chief to schedule an election? What are you waiting for? Call your Chapter Chief or District Executive and find out the what, when, where and how to schedule an election. You can also attend the monthly chapter meetings (normally held the same day as your district roundtable) and find out more information. Check the website, the Resource Center and at your district roundtable for information on the upcoming Spring Inductions.

Spring Inductions
2008 Spring Inductions are May 2-4 and May 16-18. Registration is available online, at Roundtables, and in the Spring Torchbearer. If you completed your Ordeal last spring, now is the time to seal you membership by completing your Brotherhood.

Woodcarving Workshop
The annual Woodcarving Workshop was again a success. The workshop is held annually in December. Thank you to Herb Cast and the team of volunteers or organizing this event. Make your reservation now for the 2008 Woodcarving Workshop online!

2008 Rotary Camp
The Boy Scout Rotary Camp is a summer camp offered by the Heart of America Council and is designed for special needs Scouts. Rotary Camp will take place from Saturday, August 9 to Wednesday, August 13 at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee’s Summit. Since Rotary Camp has a 1 to 1 ratio of campers to staffers, we are in need of Scouts and leaders ages 15 and older to serve on staff. The primary position needed for Rotary Camp is unit staff, where you work directly with a camper for the entire week. It is a very rewarding experience to serve on Rotary Camp staff, and exemplifies Scouting’s ideals. Camp staff applications are available the council website, www.hoac-bsa.org, or at the Council Service Center. If you have a special needs Scout in your troop that would benefit from a long term camping experience, Boy Scout Rotary Camp may be the camp for them. For more information regarding Rotary Camp, contact Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956 or email at gdealy@bsamail.org.
### Gifts Providing for the Future

The early founders of the Boy Scouts of America through vision and commitment established Scouting as the premier youth organization in the world. Today, in that spirit, we honor modern-day visionaries whose generosity and commitment ensures that their early vision will continue.

Three distinct national awards recognize support of the endowment program of the Heart of America Council. These are “The James E. West Fellowship”, “The 1910 Society” and “The Founders Circle”. These awards are presented by local councils, like the Heart of America Council, for support of their local endowment.

The James E. West Fellowship Award is recognition for individuals who contribute $1,000 or more in cash or securities to their local council endowment trust fund. This contribution is in addition to, and does not diminish or replace, the donor’s annual gift to the council’s Friends of Scouting campaign.

Membership in the “1910 Society”, named in honor of the year that the Boy Scouts of America was founded, is awarded to donors making significant gifts to a council’s endowment. Recognition levels in the Society honors four special individuals who shaped modern-day Scouting. They are Ernest Thompson Seton, author of the first official Scout handbook, Daniel Carter Beard, first Scout commissioner, Theodore Roosevelt, first vice president of the BSA, and Waite Phillips who donated the property that is now the Philmont Scout Ranch.

“The Founders Circle” is intended to recognize those individuals that through their foresight and generosity provide for a local council’s future through a planned gift to its endowment. “The Founders Circle” is named in honor of those individuals whose efforts, as group, laid the ground work for our modern movement. Their early work made the programs we have today possible. The generosity of those modern-day individuals whose vision leads them to “The Founder’s Circle” ensures that the crucial values represented in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America continue.

The Boy Scouts of America is concerned with providing for the future through the young people of our country. Gifts to the Heart of America Council’s ongoing endowment campaign help to ensure that Scouting’s work endures.

For more information about the Heart of America Council’s endowment program contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979.

### Recruit Scouts with E-Cards

A new feature called the e-card is available to Scouts and leaders on the www.thescoutzone.org website. This fun and easy activity will help a Scout complete the new First Class requirement that states he must invite a friend to a troop meeting or activity.
District Dinner

This year’s annual banquet will again be held at the Mushroom Patch Restaurant in Richmond MO and our date is February 2. If you haven’t sent your reservation in, it’s still not too late! This year’s special guest speaker for the second year in a row will be Congressman, Big Muddy District Eagle Scout, and Chieftain in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Ike Skelton.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. The cost will be $20 per person; all Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Big Muddy District are welcome to attend for free! Please RSVP with Grant Dealy at (816)569-4956 or gdealy@bsamail.org.

Webelos Transition

Every graduating Webelo deserves the opportunity to continue his Scouting experience as a member of a Boy Scout troop. Many Webelo Scouts will go on into Scouting with no help at all. But at least half of them need to know more about their opportunities for fun and adventure in the Scout troop. If you would like more information regarding Boy Scout troops in your area, contact the district Webelos Transition Chair, Donita Cochran at (660) 259-2492 or District Executive, Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956.

Pinewood Derby

The 2008 District Pinewood Derby will be hosted by Pack 4324 of Richmond. The date has not been set as of yet but more information will come at the March roundtable.

Congratulations to Units Selling Popcorn

This year, we sold over $45,000 worth of popcorn. This helps support the Scouting programs of the Heart of America Council and our individual units. Thank you for your support! A big thank you is extended to Vic Geiger, district popcorn chairman for all of his hard work!

Friends of Scouting

It’s that time of the year to schedule a date for your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation. Great opportunities for presentations are Courts of Honor and Blue and Gold banquets. Our presentations are brief and should not delay your agenda by more than 8-10 minutes. By presenting at these typically well-attended events, we give greatest number of families a chance to contribute, including those who don’t typically give of their time and talents.

Thank you in advance for your support of this very important campaign which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to over 45,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

This year’s Family FOS campaign will again be chaired by Don Raffurty, Chairman for the Big Muddy District. To schedule a unit presentation please contact Grant Dealy at (816)569-4956 or gdealy@bsamail.org

2008 Cub Scout Day Camp

This year’s Day Camp: Spy Cubs; will be held for the third year at Walnut Hills Park located in Carrollton, MO. Tammy Cockrum and Susan Dallstream along with the rest of the day camp staff are working hard to make sure to put on another great camp for our district this year. Anyone who is interested in serving on staff or if you have any questions about day camp please contact Tammy Cockrum at (660) 542-1170.
Klondike Derby

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped put on our Klondike this year. It was a great success! Special thanks to Craig Hastings, Klondike Chairman, for all of his hard work putting this new and exciting event together.

District Dinner

Our District Dinner will be held at the Adams’s Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs on February 2, 2008. Cost for the event is $21.00 per person. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and Todd Lebo will be our guest emcee. This is the time to recognize Eagle Scouts and adult Scouters for their tremendous efforts in the past year. For more information please contact Jim Beachner at (816) 847-5617 or Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969.

Membership

Though the fall is over and the main recruitment efforts are complete for most units, keep in mind that recruitment is a year round opportunity. A new boy can sign up at any time throughout the year, so keep your unit’s posters or recruitment materials visible in the community all year long. You never know when a future Eagle will come calling.

Friends of Scouting Campaign

As you know the Scouting program would not continue without the financial support of its members and friends. The Blue Elk District has a strong history of financial support and expectations are that it will continue in 2008. Your unit should already be signed up to have a Friends of Scouting presentation.

If you are not signed up call Brian Bentrop at (816) 569-4918 to schedule a presentation date. Presentations may be held at a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or committee meeting.

Training

Training opportunities are available for all programs in the Blue Elk District in the coming months. February 9, 2008 there is a Cub Scout leader training. March will start the beginning of the Boy Scout training series for the spring. Check the website and roundtable for additional information on these trainings. As always there are trainings at every roundtable. For more information visit www.hoac-bsa.org, contact Jim Burgess at (816) 228-6911 or valentine64@sbcglobal.net, or any of the professional staff at (816) 942-9333.
Are your Webelos ready to cross over???

February is Blue and Gold month and also time for Webelos cross over. If your Webelos aren’t ready to graduate into Boy Scouting, we would love to help. Several troops in Kaw District are hosting Webelos dens for meetings or campouts. They are showing them what to expect when they become Boy Scouts. If you need more information about the Webelos to Scout transition, contact Charles Vonderheid (816) 569-4949, or Dusty Boatright (816) 569-4967.

Graduating Webelos Scouts represents 80% of our Boy Scouts membership. It is important that troops work closely with their feeder packs. Extend an invitation to go camping or attend one of your troop meetings. If you need help with working with your pack, contact Charles or Dusty. We will gladly help you with your recruitment effort and provide you with accurate contact information.

Friends of Scouting

Our Friends of Scouting campaign is a fast and successful fundraising drive and you definitely want to be a part of it! So far, you have helped us raise more than 35% of our 2008 Family Friends of Scouting goal. If you haven’t already done so, contact Bill Brown (913) 724-3612, bbrown@jccc.edu or Dusty Boatright, dboatrig@bsamail.org and reserve your FOS presentation date. Do not miss out on a great presentation and an opportunity to give back to Scouting.

Klondike Derby

Thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters who made the Klondike Derby a success. A special thanks to Larry Sisk and his crew for their hard work.

Cub Scout Day Camp

As the cold weather continues, it’s nice to be able to think about warmer weather and summertime ...especially day camp time!! This year, day camp will be held from June 9 - 13 in Cub World at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Camp will be double the fun because we will be working jointly with the Pioneer Trails District.

Lunch will also be provided every day during camp for the boys to enjoy! (adult leaders bring their own lunch) Your Cubs can look forward to sling shots, BB guns, arts & crafts, kickball, skits, archery, and much more! The fee for camp is $45.00, however campership applications are available (contact Charles Vonderheid for information). Day Camp 2008 is going to be a blast, get ready to have a great time.

If you have any questions, contact this year’s camp director John Burris at gravesburris@yahoo.com, or Dusty Boatright, dboatrig@bsamail.org.

Kaw District Pinewood Derby

It’s Pinewood Derby time again! Cub Scouts throughout the Kaw District are always excited about designing, shaping, painting, and finally racing their cars. The Kaw District is extending an invitation to all Cub Scouts and their leaders to participate in the 9th annual Pinewood Derby Race at the General Motors Fairfax Plant on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. This joint venture allows Cub Scouts from Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties to race against one another. It is a free event.

The fun begins at 8:00 a.m. with the official registration and weigh-in of all cars, and the first race starts around 9:00 a.m. Last year, Cub Scouts had an exciting time racing their cars, as well as looking at the real race cars and other unique cars on display in front of the plant. Come and experience the excitement of racing your Pinewood Derby car against other Cub Scouts from Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties. For more information visit http://hoac-bsa.org/kdactivities.cfm or call Dusty Boatright (913) 569-4967.

District Dinner

Thanks to all who made the District Dinner such a success. A special thanks to Sharlet, Nancy, Susan and their crew who made the night special and the South Camp Dinner Hall look great.
District Recognition Dinner

What an evening! It is great to be able to recognize some of the outstanding volunteers that give of their time and talents here in the Lone Bear District. If you were unable to attend the dinner, here are the recipients of the Award of Merit and the Silver Bear.

Award of Merit:
John Harris-
Committee Chairman for LDS units 514 and Young Men’s President in Warrensburg, MO

Mike Morales-
Lone Bear District Membership Chairman and committee member for Troop 1430 in Clinton, MO

Silver Bear:
Denny Jefferson –Committee Chairman for Troop 1513 in Warrensburg, MO
Regan Crowell-Cubmaster for Pack 4002 and Scoutmaster for Troop 1002 in Clinton, MO
Kathy Hood- Cubmaster for Pack 4632 in Windsor, MO
Allen Huff- Committee Chairman for Troop 1225 in Clinton, MO
Jack Wetzel- Active leadership in Clinton, MO

When you see these recipients around, be sure to congratulate them once again. Who will be our recipients next year?

Day Camp

“This message will self destruct as soon as you are done reading the following information.” This is for Cub Scout secret agents only. “Spy Cubs” is the theme for day camp this year. The dates for day camp will be June 16-20. Fun and adventure will be had by all this year. Activities, field sports, archery, bb guns, and swimming are just a few of the fun things the boys will be able to do this year. We will have a family night with a hot dog roast, campfire and parade.

For more information contact camp director John Hart (660) 747-3407 or at jets@socket.net or program director Jennifer Faaborg at 660.747.8830 or at faaborgs@msn.com. The cost this year is $45 if registered by April 9, after that date the fee becomes $60. If you register at camp, the fee is $65. Any boy that joins Cub Scouts after April 9th will only need to pay the $45 fee. Good luck on your “mission” and we will see you there!

Klondike Derby

The Lone Bear Klondike Derby will take place on February 8-10 at Knob Noster State Park. The fee is $6 per Scout. Jon Cerda is the Klondike Chairman this year and has a great event planned out. The only item that he can’t plan is the weather. Let’s hope for lots of snow. Teams will travel from station to station and perform tasks for points. The team will the most points and has win prizes. There will be a campfire so come prepared with a song and skit. You may contact Jon at (816) 726-6145 cell or (660) 429-2747 work or email gundog@starband.net for questions about the Klondike or if you have an interest in being on the staff.

What Have Your Scouts Done?

We know your unit is involved in exciting activities and are having lots of fun. The district committee and all of the Lone Bear District want to know what you have been up to. Please send your monthly highlights and photos to David Riker at driker@bsamail.org. We will be sure to get your units story in this publication!

Roundtables

Roundtables are a monthly gathering of Scouters from the Lone Bear District. They are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Clinton Scout Center. These meetings are an important way for leaders to learn from each other. This is also an opportunity for you to get information on a variety of subjects from the Heart of America Council and the Lone Bear District. Each month there will be a new program for both Boy Scout leaders and Cub Scout leaders. We always have a great time and it would benefit your unit to have at least one adult leader present. We are sure that you will take away some valuable information.

For more information, contact David Riker (816) 569-4974, (800) 776-1110 or driker@bsamail.org.
Roundtable

Roundtable is held at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, MO. All Life Scouts needing their Eagle Scout service projects approved must come in class-A uniform. Please bring your project book completely filled out and signed.

All Cub Scout Leaders are invited to attend the Cub Scout roundtable. Handouts are available to help you deliver a quality program to your Cubs. This is a great opportunity to network with other Cub leaders and share ideas. Come for the fun.

Boy Scout and Venture leaders share a program full of fun and excitement. Come find out the latest cooking strategies, prepare for the Klondike Derby, learn what’s new in the Merit Badge corner, and find out about new camping opportunities. That’s just the tip of the iceberg!!

Youth Protection and New Leader Essential Training are offered as well. If you know of a volunteer or a leader in your unit that needs this training, invite them along.

Pinewood Derby

The 15th Annual North Star District Pinewood Derby Championships will be held on February 1 and 2, 2008 at the Metro North Mall – Lower Level.

The competition is for Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears, 1st Year Webelos and 2nd Year Webelos who are the champions of their individual pack’s Pinewood Derbies.

If you need more information, contact race-master Jeff Cook at scouter@kc.rr.com, or at (h)816-468-9232. Or, check http://hoac-bsa.org/nsactivities.cfm.

Training

The North Star District Training teams are gearing up for another round of quality training sessions. If any of your leaders changed positions during the recharter process, they need to attend training for their new position. You can find out the VERY LATEST on the training offered at http://hoac-gsa.org/nstraining.cfm.

Friend of Scouting 2008

More than 75% of our units have scheduled an FOS presentation to be held over the next several months. If you have not scheduled one, be sure to contact Jeremy McGowan, 816-569-4970 or at jmcgowan@bsamail.org with dates that will work for your FOS presentation. Our goal is to have 100% of our units participate. Your help is appreciated.
Congratulations to all of our units who participated in the Popcorn Sale in 2007! Your efforts sold several thousand dollars worth of popcorn, with more than 70% of that staying here in Northern Tier in our units and to help with necessary Council Operations! Thanks go to Stephanie Ogan, Popcorn Chair, for a job well done! Thanks for your commitment to this vital program!

**Webelos On Wheels**

February 9, 2008 marks the date for Webelos on Wheels. Your Webelos will have the opportunity to participate in some exciting science activities while completing some of the requirements needed to earn the Scientist Activity Pin. Make sure you are planning on coming out for a Saturday of fun and learning, and bring your Webelos too! Webelos on Wheels will once again be held at UMKC’s Department of Physics-Flarsheim Hall 5110 Rockhill Road.

**Pinewood Derby**

On March 29, Northern Tier District will hold the annual district Pinewood Derby. Pack winners are invited to attend to will be a lot fun and we look forward to seeing you there. It will be held at Minimal Invasive Surgery Center at 11217 Lakeview Ave in Lenexa. Visit the district activities webpage to download the registration form.

**Day Camp 2008**

Day camp is just around the corner and the theme is Spy Cubs. Now is the time to start planning for day camp. We will hold camp at Shawnee Riverfront Park from June 9-13. To get involved or get more information, please contact Dave Sultz, Camp Director, at (913) 381-7824, Greg Ogan, Program Director at (913) 385-7105 or Kathryn Rajala at (816) 942-9333.

**Friends of Scouting**

If you haven’t scheduled a Family Friends of Scouting presentation now is the time to put one on your calendar. Keep in mind, you can schedule your presentation any time through the end of March 2008, but we need to know your date as soon as possible. We missed our Family Friends of Scouting goal last year and need your help to reach the goal this year. Please schedule your presentation today by contacting Gary Akers, Family FOS Chairman, at (913) 262-2047.

**Cuboree**

We will hold a Cuboree on May 9-10 at Camp Naish. Make plans for a weekend of fun, games and learning! Registration forms are available on the district webpage under activities.

**Training**

There are several opportunities for you to learn more about the Scouting program and how to make it come alive for your Scouts. Please be sure to take advantage of all the great training opportunities available. Check the district webpage under training for the upcoming dates.
Recruiting Update

The Pelathe District did an absolutely amazing job recruiting new boys! Our district finished 2007 with 5.9% more members. The Pelathe District ended the month of December 2007 with 1,172 youth. Frank Wright and Brenda Kappelman did an amazing job organizing all the recruitments this year. It is important to keep everyone of these Scouts active in our program.

If boys have dropped off your charters, please follow up with them and find out why. Congratulations to everyone for increasing Pelathe’s membership two years in a row. Let’s make sure we do the same in 2008!!!!

Roundtables

If you have never attended, please join us this spring. You will be glad that you did.

Roundtable is an informational event held to make sure you have all the resources you need to a terrific program.

Roundtables are great place to meet people and share ideas. They are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Lawrence.

Every unit has a file filled with useful information and ideas. Look forward to seeing you there.

Rechartering

Thank you to everyone that turned in their unit recharter on time!! Our district still has a couple of units that need to finish this process. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Jacob Allen at jallen@bsamail.org.

Friends of Scouting

Please turned in your pack’s Blue and Gold date so we can arrange an FOS presentation, please contact Jacob Allen at (816) 569-4962. Let’s make this the year that every unit qualifies for free rank advancement!!!!! Let’s reach our FOS goal as easily as we reach our membership goals and become a Quality District for 2008!!!! This year’s Family FOS Chair is Mark Gleason. You can reach Mark Gleason at (785) 841-2334

If you have any questions. Thank you for your support with this year’s Friends of Scouting campaign. membership two years in a row. Let’s make sure we do the same in 2008!!!!

Popcorn

Popcorn sales have come to an end. The Pelathe District ended up selling 26.9% more popcorn than the previous year. If you put this into terms of money, our units combined sold approximately $30,000 more worth of popcorn than the 2006 year. Jean Pfeifer did a great job organizing the sales in 2006 and 2007. Hopefully she’ll come back and have even a more successful year in 2008. Thanks again Jean!!!

Winter Event “Glacial Glutes II”

Hi Pelathe,

As you know, we will hold our second Glacial Glutes winter camporee February 15-17. We open the staffing of this event to the district. If any of you are interested in helping with Glacial Glutes please let me know.

We need all kinds of help:

- Blackpowerd firing line help
- Spear Throwing
- Hawk and Knife Throwing
- Archery
- Trading
- Cooking chili and soup for the participants

We also welcome any blacksmiths, skinners, trappers, bow makers, flint knappers and any other primitive skills and craft people. We’d love to have something NEW!

If you’re interested in serving in any of these areas, please let me know. We’d be glad to have you!!

Jim Peterson

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A Job Well Done

Your Pioneer Trails professional staff would like to give a special thanks to Pat Parks and all the volunteers who helped with this year’s Merit Badge Academy. It was a team effort and a job well done. Also thanks to the individuals at Hogan Prep High School who once again made it possible to hold this activity at their high school. This event is rewarding, and it is a pleasure to have it run smoothly. Next year should be no different, so please plan to attend Merit Badge Academy of 2009.

District Dinner

You cannot talk about the Pioneer Trails District Dinner without giving a special thanks to George Weaver, Carol Jean DeFeo, Jim Bernard Jr., Dave Penner and Pat Parks. The Pioneer Trails District would not have been able to pull off this great feat without the help of these individuals, and the many others who worked behind the scenes. Our district is a quality district, and it shows with the volunteers Honored with this year’s Award of Merit.

Honored this year were Scott Baird, Janice Chronister, William McMein, Mick O’Neal, Andre Sidney, Suzy Spener, Jerold Tapscott and Ross Whitacre. Once again we would like to thank and honor the individuals who have put in so much time and effort into the Scouting movement.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting helps to keep Scouting affordable and available for everyone. With this being said, Scout leaders please sign your units up for a Friends of Scouting presentation. If you have not already scheduled a presentation for this year, now is the time. A Friends of Scouting presentation takes five to eight minutes and should be held at your troop Court of Honor or pack Blue and Gold. A Friends of Scouting presentation helps to explain how Scouting works as well as giving people an opportunity to contribute. Sign up at roundtable or contact Larry Tyrl at (816) 942-5648.

Training Update

On behalf of the Pioneer Trails District, I would like to thank Carole and Cecil Gaither, Dave Penner, and everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend training over the last few months.

Becoming a trained leader helps to ensure that the Scouts in your unit receive the best possible program. Your sacrifice of time and commitment is appreciated.

Our training team is extremely good at what they do and will gladly bring training to you if you have five or more people interested in becoming trained. If you are interested in training please contact Carole Gaither at (816) 523-5380 or Jay Ritter at (816) 313-0565 or Jay Ritter at (816) 569-4946. You can also come to roundtable for more information.

2008 Day Camp

Our 2008 day camp is getting closer by the day. Once again this event will be held at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs with all the wonderful facilities that Cub World has to offer at our disposal. Day camp will be held June 9-13 and is great adventure for our new Cub Scouts. Now is the time to promote camp with the families of the Scouts in your pack and to begin making plans to attend.

If you or someone you know would be interested in helping at camp, please contact Camp Director Lisa Kessler at (816) 313-0565 or Jay Ritter at (816) 569-4946. You can also come to roundtable for more information.
Recognition Dinner

There are many adults who work hard delivering the best Scouting program possible every day in the Red-Tailed Hawk District. Many of them go unnoticed for their devoted efforts of service. The District Recognition Dinner is when we take time to thank those adults who play such a large roll in the delivery of the Scouting program.

Please join us Saturday March 1, 2008 at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church. For registration information please visit www.eagle-scout.org/RTH or www.hoac-bsa.org.

District Pinewood Derby

Cub Scouts!... START YOUR ENGINES!!! All packs in the RTH District are eligible to participate March 1, 2008 in the District Pinewood Derby. Registration Flyer and District Rules are posted online at www.eagle-scout.org/RTH.

Friends of Scouting

By now you should have your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation scheduled with Dewey Barr or Tom Johnson. A great opportunity for these presentations is at Courts of Honor or Blue and Gold banquets. Our presentations are brief and should not delay your agenda by more than 7-8 minutes. By conducting presentations at these typically well-attended events, we give more families a chance to contribute, including those who don’t typically give of their time and talents.

Thanks in advance for your support of this very important campaign which helps bring the wonderful Scouting program to more than 45,000 area youth in the Heart of America Council!

Many units have already hosted presentations and some have earned free rank advancement for all of 2008. How did they do this? By reaching the unit dollars raised goal, and the number of gifts goal for their unit. These goals are based on 2007 re-charter figures, and the number of families in your unit. To inquire about your unit’s 2008 Friends of Scouting goal, please contact, Dewey Barr at (816) 569-4983 or debarr@bsamail.org.

Stay in the Communication Loop

Are you receiving all of the latest and greatest information regarding the Red-Tailed Hawk District and the Heart of America Council? There are many ways to keep informed and acquire current Scouting information. Please share the below communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

- Constant Contact E-mail, all registered leaders will receive email updates
- HOAC Website, www.hoac-bsa.org
- RTH roundtable, generally held the first Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center

Training

There will be many training dates offered in spring of 2008. To keep up on dates and locations throughout the year visit either of the district websites, www.eagle-scout.org or contact Jeff Wandtke at 913-764-8413 or Dewey Barr 816-569-4983.

2008 Red-Tailed Hawk Committee Chairs

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Friends of Scouting
When you equip boys to be the best they can be they become the men and leaders God intended. Thank you for scheduling your unit’s FOS presentation early this year! Your FOS participation and success is equipping Thunderbird to be the best that it can be. Please call Leo at (816) 353-5311 or lberr990@hotmail.com if you have not scheduled your FOS presentation. Thank you for your continued support of Scouting.

Downhill Express – Winter Ski Event
Thanks to everyone who attended our Winter Ski Event. Special thanks to Dan Morales for chairing this event once again and everyone else who helped as well.

District Dinner
Thank you to everyone who attended the Thunderbird District Recognition Banquet at The Emaline Ballroom. We honored many special volunteers this year. Special thanks to David Esry, Myrna Frost, Brent Worley, Scott Dulle, Laura Crotty, and the rest of the volunteers who planned and staffed our 2008 banquet.

Pinewood Derby
The annual Thunderbird District Pinewood Derby will be March 8, 2008 at Hickman Mills High School. Come out and join the fun. There will be more fun than just racing! There will be activities, contests, games, concessions, and more! This event is for everyone! Cub race regardless of placement in their pack races. In addition to the Cub races everyone is invited to race in the Outlaw Race (parents, siblings, and scouts). Early registration is $5.00 if entered by the March 4 deadline. After March 4 the fee is $6.00. You can register online at www.hoac-bsa.org, at the service center, or at roundtable. For more information contact Mary Sheeley at 816-223-9648 or marysheeley@sbcglobal.net.

Merit Badge Academy
Merit Badge Academy is March 29 and will be held, once again, at Hickman Mills High School. Contact Ken Fuenfhausen for questions: (816) 529-2971 PointedGreenRock@aol.com
Take a look at http://hoac-bsa.org/TB_BS%20Activities.cfm for registration information.

Rocket Day
The Thunderbird District Rocket Day will be April 19 at Unity Village in Lee’s Summit, Mo. This is the second year for this event and it is literally a Blast! Come on out, make a rocket, and see how high it can fly!
Contact Kelly Clasen at webelokelly@aol.com or (816) 225-2935 for questions

Day Camp
Thunderbird Cub Scout Day Camp will be July 7-11, at the James A. Reed Archery Range in Lee’s Summit, MO. This year’s theme is Spy Cubs! Register now! Scouts paid in full on or before April 9, 2008 - $45.00 per Scout. Scouts paid after April 9, 2008 - $60.00 per Scout. Scouts added at camp - $65.00 per Scout. New Scouts (including new Tigers - new Kindergarten graduates) who register after April 9, will be offered the $45 rate. Check out the council website, Kay Duncan at tibrdaycamp@aol.com or 816-524-or Gretchen Hicks at missqee.tbird@yahoo.com or 816-524-9358 for camp and staff information.
2007 District Award of Merit and Outstanding Leader Awards

Congratulations to Rob Sisco, Karen Winney, and Gary Smith on their selection to receive the District Award of Merit at the Trailhead District Adult Recognition Event on January 26. The District Award of Merit is the highest award a volunteer Scouter can receive from a district. The awards did not stop there, congratulations to all of the recipients of the Trailhead District Outstanding Leader Awards. Thank you to Robert Kline, chairman of the DARE event for putting together another wonderful evening.

Friends of Scouting

Please help continue to make Scouting affordable and available to everyone. Make sure that your unit is signed up for a Friends of Scouting presentation. If you have not already registered your unit now is the time. Friends of Scouting presentations only take 5 minutes and should be scheduled for either your troop Court of Honor or pack Blue and Gold. You can either sign up at roundtable or contact Matt Specht at (816) 569-4966, mspecht@bsamail.org.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Spy Cubs

Now is the time to sign up for Cub Scout Day Camp. Camp will be held on June 17-20 at Shawnee Riverfront Park (K-7 and 43rd St.). At “Spy Cubs” mission training, Scouts will use their skills and abilities to solve puzzles, scale obstacles, and capture enemies all while learning about the latest Spy Cub gadgets and getting the latest sharpshooter training. Scouts will leave a full-fledged Spy Cub, ready for their first mission. Look for more information on Day Camp on the website at http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm. Registration for early bird payment is due at the April roundtable.

Training

Doesn’t every boy deserve a trained leader? As a part of every leaders’ training Youth Protection is essential. It is that time for all of those new leaders or individuals who will be our future leadership to be trained. Training will give you the skills and resources to provide a quality program for the youth. You will also find ideas to minimize your workload. For Trailhead District training details visit www.hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm.

For the most updated information on Trailhead District, visit our webpage at: http://hoac-bsa.org/Trailhead.cfm.
Webeloree 2008

On April 19 – 20 the Trails West District will be hosting its first Webeloree. The event is designed to introduce Webelos to the Boy Scouting program. The campout will include fire building, orienteering, BB guns and catapults. The event will run from noon on Saturday and conclude with a closing ceremony at 9:00 am on Sunday.

The event is open to all current Webelos and any Bear who will become a Webelo this fall. The cost of the event is $7 if paid by the April roundtable and $8 if paid at the gate. The fee includes dinner, breakfast, patch and program materials.

Help Wanted and Welcomed

The Trails West district committee and commissioners staff works hard to help all the units in the district deliver the highest level of Scouting program possible. We can only achieve this with dedicated volunteers.

We are looking for new people with a Scouting background who would like to help deliver the Scouting program from the district level.

For more information call Matt Armstrong at (816) 569-4978.

2008 Boy Scout Fall Camporee

Planning is underway for the 2008 Trails West District camporee and we would like your input. The event will be held October 10-12, 2008 and our theme is the Amazing Race.

What type of program would you like to see?
What would be your first choice on location?

Here is your chance to get in on the ground floor and all ideas are welcome.

Day Camp 2008

June 16 – 19 - Lake Olathe

The theme for the 2008 Cub Scout Day Camp program is “Spy Cubs”. Council and district staffs are currently planning the program for the thousands of Cub Scouts who attend camp in the Heart of America Council.

Scouts shoot BB guns, and bows and arrows; work on Webelos activity badges and Cub Scout belt loops. They will cook, sing songs, learn about nature, make crafts, and play games.

The pack must provide adult leadership and make arrangements for transportation to and from camp. It is recommended that packs have at least one registered adult leader at camp for every five to six boys. The minimum number of adults required at any time is two, and one adult must have completed Youth Protection Training. Everyone attending camp must complete a health information form.

Camp is a wonderful part of the Scouting experience, and it helps your pack earn the Centennial Quality Unit and Summertime Pack awards.

Who Can Attend?

Any registered Cub Scout (including kindergarten graduates) may attend day camp.

What Time Do They Start?

Most day camp programs start around 9:00 am and end around 3:00 pm each day. Your district will provide a Walking Leader’s Guide for your adults, which will have specific schedule of times and programs.

For more information call Bill O’Conner at (913) 302-8549.
The Annual District Business Meeting was held on December 18, 2007. At that meeting district officers and members-at-large were elected. Our district chairman for 2008 is Jamie Wilson. The members-at-large are: Bud Burris, Bob King, Lawrence Dickinson, Curtis Gibson, Sylvia Nano, Dennis Nowatzke, Pam Thompson, and Jamie Wilson. Brock Guernsey was added as a member-at-large at our January district committee meeting. Specific responsibilities for each member-at-large can be found on the district page of the council’s website.

District leaders are elected for one year renewable terms. The district committee serves at great personal sacrifice, often in addition to responsibilities in their home units. The district, like the local units, is run by volunteers. The Scouts and Scouters of Twin Rivers owe a debt of gratitude to all who have served in the past, to those who now serve, and who will serve the district in the future.

The 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign is under way. Thanks to all who have already made a gift to support the Scouts in the district and council. If you have not yet made a gift please consider doing so. Your district and council needs your support.

Free rank advancement for units that achieve their FOS goals is back this year. To find out how much your unit’s goal is or how you can help the district achieve its goal contact the district executive.

2008 Twin Rivers Committee Chairs

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Twin Rivers District Events

February
7 Commissioner Meeting
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:00 pm
7 Roundtable
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
9 District Committee Training
12 District Recognition Dinner reservations due

March
6 Commissioner Meeting
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:00 pm
6 Roundtable, OA Chapter Meeting
Paola United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
8 District Recognition Dinner
11 District Committee Meeting
26 Scoutmaster/ASM Position Specific Training
28 Scoutmaster/ASM Position Specific Training
SALUTING GREAT POSTS DOING GREAT THINGS

We Salute;
Lincoln Pre High School Explorer Post 2879, Southeast High School/Manual Tech Center Explorer Post 2881 & Wesport High School Explorer Post 2882

We send out an Exploring salute to our newest Exploring Posts in the Heart of America Council. These new posts are unique and are laying the ground work for in-school Explorer Posts. The emphasis for these posts is to learn about careers in education and teaching. Also with the emphasis in today’s world on obesity in children. The School Based School Linked Services have gone into the high schools to not only educate high school students on the importance of healthy lifestyle, exercise, and eating right, but also these high school students are reaching students in the elementary and middle schools what they have learned.

The vision for this program was developed by Felicia Safir, Director of the School Based Services. Felicia and her team including Lee Allen, Roger Franks, and Nathaniel Francis Jr. are driving the train to have an Explorer Post in ever Kansas City, Missouri High School. Their enthusiasm and determination to support the needs of youth of today have shown to be a great success. As of today we have Exploring in over 50% of the Kansas City School District High Schools. Teachers from each high school lead the charge in educating their students in the career field of teaching and give their students hands on experience. They are fantastic programs and are continuing to grow. WE salute all that you do.

Go Exploring!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXPLORER POSTS!!!!!
WE COMPLETED OUR EXPLORER RENEWAL AT 100%!!!
2008 IS OFF TO AN GREAT START WITH A 10% GAIN IN EXPLORERS!
WAY TO GO!

2008 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado
July 21-26, 2008

Information is available to help you plan on attending.
- Fact Sheet
- Conference Guidebook
- Participation Forms
- National Youth Representative Nominees
- Advisor of the Year Nominees
- Exploring Conference 2008 [mov - 10.1 MB]

The information and application can be found on the Learning for Life Web site: www.learningforlife.org. Go to Exploring then Fire Services. You can view administration and support services, competitions and seminars offered at the conference, program activities, leadership development, and all forms that will be required to attend the conference. You can also download the conference guidebook from the website.

KC @ Night - October 3, 2008!

This is our date but its not exactly set in stone.
It’s going to be great!

For questions or more information, please contact Lisa Hayes, Exploring & Learning for Life Director, at 816.569.4972 or lhayes@bsamail.org. The registration packet will be coming out in February. It’s gonna be awesome!

Got E-mail?

Would you like updated Exploring information? Want to know about the latest resources available to your post’s leadership? Send us an e-mail and we will add you to our group listing. Your information will be kept confidential.

Tell us your story!!

We would like to hear about what you are doing with articles and pictures. In the newsletter we offer an abundance of information, but it is a lot of fun to see what the other posts and groups are doing out there.

If you have a great story to tell of an adventure, activity, or exciting event, send it in or email your story with pictures and we’ll try to get it in to the newsletter.
KC @ Night - October 3, 2008!

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- BE 1175 Jered Hudson
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